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EXAMINER:

FOR: METHODS OF CONFERRING PPO-INHIBITING HERBICIDE RESISTANCE TO  
PLANTS BY GENE MANIPULATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

June 25, 1999

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are  
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified  
application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase  
under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No.  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

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